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**SUBJECT: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD)
Edit Software for July 2005**

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: In accordance with chapter 16, section 120.2, the laboratory NCD edit module is updated quarterly as necessary. This instruction communicates requirements to shared system maintainers and contractors notifying them of changes to the laboratory edit module for changes in the laboratory NCD code lists for July 2005.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :

EFFECTIVE DATE : July 01, 2005

IMPLEMENTATION DATE : July 05, 2005

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R/N/D	Chapter/Section/SubSection/Title
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Notification Form

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Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This transmittal announces the changes that will be included in the July 2005 release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. The NCDs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services were developed by the laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee and published as a final rule on November 23, 2001. Nationally uniform software has been developed by Computer Sciences Corporation and incorporated in the shared systems so that laboratory claims subject to one of the 23 NCDs are processed uniformly throughout the nation effective January 1, 2003. The laboratory edit module for the NCDs will be updated quarterly as necessary to reflect ministerial coding updates and substantive changes to the NCDs developed through the NCD process. (See Pub. 100-4, Chapter 16, §120.2.)

B. Policy:

1. In accordance with the coding analysis published on the coverage Internet site on November 23, 2000 (see <http://cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewdecisionmemo.asp?id=138>), we are adding ICD-9-CM code 733.02, Idiopathic osteoporosis, to the list of “ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare” for the thyroid testing NCD.
2. In accordance with the coding analysis published on the coverage Internet site on March 14, 2005 (see cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewdecisionmemo.asp?id=146), we are adding diagnosis codes 156.0, Malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder, and 156.2, Malignant neoplasm of the Ampulla of Vater to the list of “ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare” for the tumor antigen by Immunoassay CA 19-9 NCD.
3. In accordance with the coding analysis published on the coverage Internet site on March 14, 2005 (see cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewdecisionmemo.asp?id=147), we are deleting diagnosis code 784.69, Other symbolic dysfunction, from the list of “ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare” for the hepatitis panel NCD.
4. In accordance with the coding analysis published on the coverage Internet site on March 17, 2005 (see cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewdecisionmemo.asp?id=149), we are adding diagnosis code 789.39, Abdominal or pelvic swelling, mass or lump of other specified site, to the list of “ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare” for the tumor antigen by Immunoassay CA 125 NCD.
5. In accordance with the coding analysis published on the coverage Internet site on March 17, 2005 (see cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewdecisionmemo.asp?id=150), we are adding diagnosis codes V77.1, Special screening for diabetes mellitus, V81.0, Special screening for ischemic heart disease, V81.1, Special screening for hypertension, and V81.2, Special screening for other an unspecified cardiovascular

conditions, to the list of “ICD-9-CM Codes That Do Not Support Medical Necessity” for the blood counts NCD.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement

"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
3806.1	The laboratory edit module developer contractor shall modify the edit software as discussed in the policy section above.									X (CSC)
3806.2	The module developer shall make the revised software available to down load from the CMS data center via connect:direct. CSC shall notify the shared system maintainers of the data set names via email.									X (CSC)
3806.3	CMS shall make corresponding changes to the NCD coding manual and the NCDs posted on the Internet.									X (CMS)
3806.4	The shared system maintainers shall install the revised edit module after testing and distribute it to the carriers and intermediaries as part of their routine release.					X	X	X		

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	

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		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
3806.5	Contractors shall post this entire instruction, or a direct link to this instruction, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the release of this instruction. In addition, the entire instruction must be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated into any educational events on this topic.	X		X						

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date*: July 1, 2005 Implementation Date: July 5, 2005 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Jackie Sheridan-Moore 410-786-4735 Post-Implementation Contact(s): Jackie Sheridan-Moore	No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.
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